

**EXAMINING BOARD OF SOCIAL WORKERS, MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS  
AND PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS**

**MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY SECTION  
REGULAR MEETING**

**FEBRUARY 19, 2003**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Peter Fabian, Lynn Gauger, Linda Schwallie, and  
Ann Marie Rathburn

**MEMBER EXCUSED:** None

**STAFF PRESENT:** Mary Forseth, Bureau Director; John Schweitzer, Legal Counsel;  
Gina York, Program Assistant; and other Department staff

**GUEST:** Arlie Albrecht, LMFT, WAMFT; Ann Marie Starr, LMFT,  
WAMFT

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Linda Schwallie called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m. A quorum of four members was present.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Additions to the Agenda:**

- Under Item B. After John Schweitzer's Report: Add WAMFT Report by Peter Fabian
- Under Item B. After AMFTRB Report: Add Review CE Approval Process by Peter Fabian

**MOTION:** Lynn Gauger moved, seconded by Ann Marie Rathburn, to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

The Section held elections for officers.

**MOTION:** Lynn Gauger moved, seconded by Peter Fabian, that the current slate of officers for the Section remains the same. Motion carried unanimously.

The election results are as follows:

ELECTION RESULTS	
Board Chair	Linda Schwallie
Board Vice Chair	Peter Fabian
Board Secretary	Anne Marie Rathburn

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF DECEMBER 3, 2002

### Amendments to the Minutes:

- Page 3: Change last name of Dr. Charles Barnhart to Dr. Charles Barnard.
- Page 2: Under Report of AMFTRB Meeting, Paragraph 3, Second sentence change to impact of technology on regulations, effective disciplinary actions
- Page 2: Under Report of Meeting with Sec. Herrera, Paragraph 2, Second sentence correct spelling of psychotherapy.
- Page 1: Under Agenda Amendments: Align Training Certificate Update with rest of amendments listed.
- Page 5: Under Informational Items, First sentence: Correct the spelling of provided.

**MOTION:** Peter Fabian moved, seconded by Lynn Gauger, to approve the minutes as amended. Motion carried.

## ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Mary Forseth informed the Section of new appointments to the Department. New appointees Secretary Donsia Strong-Hill, Deputy Secretary Mary Schlaefer, Division Administrator of Credentialing Cathy Pond, Division of Management Services Christine Selin, Division Administrator Board Services Patricia Hoeft, and Executive Assistant Christopher Klein. All who were available introduced themselves to the Section.

Secretary Strong-Hill discussed briefly future goals and budget concerns such as fee increases, on-line licensing of professions, and the deadline for budget cuts.

## SUMMARY REPORTS ON PENDING COURT CASES, DISCIPLINARY CASES AND ADMINISTRATIVE RULES AND PRESS RELEASES

Noted.

## ACT 80 AND AODA ISSUES

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## REPORT REGARDING TASK FORCE APPOINTED AT DECEMBER MEETING INCLUDING EXAM BOARD AND DHFS REPRESENTATIVES TO COLLABORATIVELY ADDRESS AODA ISSUES

The Section discussed at length the AODA Issues and the impact of Act 80. The full Examining Board voted at their last meeting to establish a task force with the following charge:

We are convening to collaboratively define:

- ◆ what constitutes treatment of alcohol or substance dependency or abuse as a specialty
- ◆ how treatment of alcohol or substance dependency or abuse is best delivered to serve and protect citizens of Wisconsin

The Examining Board Chair was to appoint members from each section to this task force and the following members agreed to serve: Doug Knight and Crystal Berg from the Social work Section, Colleen James from the Professional Counselor Section and Peter Fabian from the MFT Section. In addition, Vince Ritacci and Keith Lang from DHFS were asked and agreed to serve. Chair Schwallie after considering both Board and staff recommendations to include a representative from the Department of Corrections, decided to invite a DOC member, Tony Streveler, an assistant administrator at DOC.

A letter from Senator Carol Roessler was sent to Linda Schwallie as Chair of the Examining Board recommending appointments of additional members from the State Council on Alcohol and other Drug Abuse to this task force.

After extensive discussion it was decided that the MFT Section will recommend the return to the original taskforce and its objectives. Originally the taskforce was created in response to Representative Underheim's request for DRL and DHFS to collaborate and come to some common ground on this issue before coming back to him or including other end users. This will be addressed at the MFTPCSW Joint Board meeting to be held the afternoon of February 19, 2003.

There is a strong effort to clarify issues, strive toward common ground on this issue, and work at developing clarifying language surrounding AODA. Once common language has been arrived at then additional conversations to engage other end users will take place. John Schweitzer, Legal Counsel will be working with the AODA issues and language to briefly share progress and relevant information.

## **REPORT FROM JOHN SCHWEITZER REGARDING NORTH CENTRAL CHAPTER OF EAP COORDINATORS MEETING ON JANUARY 28, 2003 REGARDING ACT 80**

John Schweitzer, Legal Counsel attended the North Central Chapter of EAP Coordinator's on January 28, 2003. He shared with the Section topic areas addressed at the session. Most questions were very basic, such as billing questions, number of hours of supervision, and a discussion of how Act 80 affects EAP Coordinators.

## **WAMFT REPORT**

Peter Fabian provided a report to the Board. Some of the topics being discussed are dealing with issues related to psychometric testing, AODA, certified outpatient clinics. Mr. Fabian will keep the Section informed of future updates on these topics.

## **AMFTRB REPORT**

Linda Schwallie shared round table efforts since the AMFTRB meetings in October, 2002. Ms. Schwallie was to work on the Impact of Technology on Regulation. However, that round table group has been inactive. Lois Paff Bergen from AMFTRB is investigating overall round table activity and more information will be coming in the future.

The national exam issue was discussed and the Section again recommends offering more test windows or continuous testing in so far as the reputation of this exam is that it is the most difficult test to pass and if an applicant fails, when he/she is notified of test results, he/she may have passed the deadline for the next test period.

## **REVIEW OF MFT APPLICATION PACKETS**

Gail Pizarro addressed the Section regarding the jurisprudence exams cut scores. Each Section has different cut scores and may be causing difficulty in credentialing and duplication of information. The Section express that examinations should be reviewed on a regular basis. The Section has tentative set the date of September 17, 2003 to organize an item review panel consisting of Section members, practioners, and educators from the field.

The Section reviewed the current MFT application packet and indicated changes to them. The Section recommended that revising and combining of applications along with specific instructions for completion may eliminate some duplication of information. Julie Reimann and the Section will review and consider the combining of application forms. Also a discussion will occur regarding any fee changes that may need to be made. This topic will be added to the next meeting agenda for further discussion.

**MOTION:** Peter Fabian moved, seconded by Lynn Gauger, to that a paragraph be added to the affidavit of the applicant and eliminates the employer affidavit. Wording for the paragraph should reflect the language of the statute on employment. Motion carried unanimously.

## **REQUEST FOR A MEETING RECESS**

**MOTION:** Lynn Gauger moved, seconded by Anne Marie Rathburn, to call a recess at 12:50 p.m. and reconvene after the Joint Rules and Joint Board Meeting today. Motion carried unanimously.

## **RECONVENE MEETING AFTER RECESS**

**MOTION:** Peter Fabian moved, seconded by Lynn Gauger, to call the meeting back to order after the recess and Joint Board meeting at 3:56 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

## **CORRESPONDENCE REGARDING SUPERVISOR**

The Section requested John Schweitzer, Legal Counsel to respond.

## **CORRESPONDENCE REGARDING LAKESHORE PROFESSIONAL COUNSELING**

The Section requested John Schweitzer, Legal Counsel to respond.

## **CORRESPONDENCE REGARDING CRYSTAL D. HAWTHORNE**

The Section requested John Schweitzer, Legal Counsel to respond.

## **CORRESPONDENCE FROM NASW**

The Section discussed briefly the letter from Marc Herstand from NASW and the proposal #2 from the letter.

## **CONSULTING WITH LEGAL COUNSEL**

The Section consulted with John Schweitzer, Legal Counsel on all relevant issues.

## **ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION**

**MOTION:** Peter Fabian moved, seconded by Lynn Gauger, to adjourn to closed session pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 19.85(1)(a)(b)(f) and (g), to review applications, deliberate on proposed Stipulations, review DOE cases, and, consult with legal counsel. Roll Call Vote: Peter Fabian-yes; Lynn Gauger-yes; Linda Schwallie-yes, Ann Marie Rathburn-yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Open session recessed at 4:34 p.m.

## **RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION**

**MOTION:** Ann Marie Rathburn moved, seconded by Lynn Gauger, to reconvene to open session. Motion carried.

Open session reconvened at 4:58 p.m.

## **REVIEW APPLICATIONS**

### **RANEE LADWIG**

**MOTION:** Peter Fabian moved, seconded by Linda Schwallie, to approve licensure for Rane Ladwig. Motion carried unanimously.

## **TIFFANY A. YOCUM**

**MOTION:** Lynn Gauger moved, seconded by Ann Marie Rathburn, to grant a training certificate to Tiffany A. Yocum. Peter Fabian abstained. Motion carried.

## **DIANA DIETZMAN**

**MOTION:** Peter Fabian moved, seconded by Lynn Gauger, to request additional information regarding Diana Dietzman. Motion carried unanimously.

## **CASE STATUS REPORT**

There were not case closings before the Section at this time.

## **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

The Screening Panel was not posted and therefore could not be held. Dave O'Connell will have cases forwarded to the next time when Screening Panel is scheduled to meet.

## **OTHER SECTION BUSINESS**

### **REVIEW CE APPROVAL PROCESS**

The Section discussed reviewing the CE approval process. The Section will continue further discussion at the next meeting.

The Section discussed at length CE hours verses clock hours. The Section is developing a formula and/or conversion chart for converting CE hours to clock hours to use in reviewing applications and continuing education requirements.

The last issue for the Section's Regulatory Digest was October, 2002. Peter Fabian will write an article for the next publication.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** Ann Marie Rathburn moved, seconded by Lynn Gauger, that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:03 p.m.